Madison Food Park, LLC
Cascade County Special Use Permit Application
Project Overview & Abstract
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## **Project Overview**

Friesen Foods, LLC has acquired an expansive piece of undeveloped real estate, formerly farm land, (3018 acres) which lies approximately 8.3 miles south-east of the city of Great Falls, Montana with the intention of undertaking the development of an expansive value added agri-business commercial food park. The scope and scale of the proposed Madison Food Park (MFP) property and project will include, when complete, a state-of-the art, robotically controlled, environmentally friendly, multi-species food processing plant for cattle, pigs and chickens and the related further processing facilities for beef, pork, and poultry. In addition to the meat packing elements, the project will also incorporate facilities for the processing of both fresh milk supplied by local and regional dairy producers into a variety cheese products, as well as a distillery which will source the grain necessary for the production of Montana branded spirits from cereal crops grown by area farmers within the Golden Triangle. In addition to food processing, the facility will also include a large scale packaging, transportation and distribution network located onsite to ensure quality control, bio-security, and management of the product supply chain from farm input to the consumer's table.

The principals of Madison Food Park anticipate that when development is complete and the facilities are operating at peak capacity, the Agri-business venture will <u>directly</u> create approximately 3,000 employment opportunities and positions for laborers, semi-skilled, skilled and management level jobs. In addition, estimates of the number, capacity, and work force requirements of peripheral business enterprises aligned to or associated with the Madison Food Park development include approximately 85 additional positions.

## **Green Technology**

The principals of the MFP development project are committed to making a significant investment in bringing green technology to the entire MFP campus. As such, the design, development, and infrastructure will reflect a commitment to incorporating alternative energy and energy efficient technology in the areas of solar, wind, geothermal, bio-mass, carbon reduction, waste water filtration and treatment.